

Mobley was the mother of Emmett Till, the young black man that was lynched after being accused of whistling at a white woman. Mrs. Mobley said, as she looked at myself and my colleagues, "I now know why God has kept me alive for so long."

We, as the generation that took part and remembers the civil right movement, have a duty. We must educate our children. Our children, black, white, Hispanic, Asian and Native American must know the sacrifice that our fellow men and women made to advance all of us. We must not allow their efforts to fade into history. Their struggle must not become just another paragraph in our history books. We must keep the memories alive.

So Mr. Speaker, I stand before you today to say: I Remember and I will not stop.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2ND ANNUAL FINDING YOUR ROOTS CONFERENCE, AN AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH PROJECT IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 2nd Annual Finding Your Roots Conference, an African American Family History Research Project taking place on Saturday, March 25, 2000, in Oakland, California.

Genealogical research helps bridge the racial divide, brings understanding between races, and provides for the powerful "sankofa" experience of recognizing our past to better understand who we are today. Therefore, it is my belief that this conference is a wonderful testimony to the complexity and the magnificence of the human experience.

This event is designed to raise awareness within the African American community about the importance of tracing one's ancestry, particularly those whose ancestors were original depositors of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company. Freedman's was created by Congress and President Lincoln in 1865 for emancipated slaves. Unfortunately, Freedman's went bankrupt when 95% of the bank's money was borrowed and never repaid by white Americans. This conference will also provide opportunities for African Americans and all American families to share their ancestral information with each other.

The conference is co-sponsored by the California Genealogical Society, African-American Genealogical Society of Northern California, Legacy Jubilee Arts, Mid-Peninsula NAACP, Oakland Temple Family History Center, Center for Urban Black Studies and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Additional participating organizations include the Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church and the Voices of Evergreen Choir and the Morningstar Baptist Church. The featured speakers of the conference include Senior Research Consultant of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, Ms. Marie Taylor and award-winning broadcaster Mr. Darius Gray, who has traced his own family's ancestry back to the 1700's. Together, Ms. Taylor and Mr. Gray have been working on a project to extract one million names from Freedman's deposit records.

"Finding Your Roots" it is truly a valuable resource for all and I encourage everyone to begin finding their own roots today.

MAKE DUBAI INVESTMENTS PAY ITS BILLS

**HON. MAC COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to apply pressure to Dubai Investments, a very profitable joint stock public holding company in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), to pay its debts to American companies. The proposal is directed toward the government of the UAE, because both the government of Dubai and Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid al-Maktoum, the deputy ruler of Dubai, are founding investors and major stockholders in Dubai Investments—a rogue company that utilized unethical business practices left over 100 Georgians.

The Dubai Investment/United Arab Emirates Debt Repayment Act of 2000 addresses the situation that brought this issue to my attention—Dubai Investments' refusal to fulfill the terms of its contract with Pascoe Building Systems, Inc. Pascoe was once a mid-sized manufacturer with over \$20 million in annual sales. Today, Pascoe's doors are shut as a result of Dubai Investments' failure to fulfill its contractual compensation obligation. My legislation will prevent the pending sale of F-16 fighter aircraft to the UAE until the President certifies that Dubai Investments has fulfilled its obligations under its agreements with Pascoe Building Systems, Inc.

It is time for Congress to defend American businesses against rogue foreign corporations that intend never to pay their bills. I encourage my colleagues to support The Dubai Investments/United Arab Emirates Debt Repayment Act of 2000.

GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLAR AWARDS

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to commend the 2000 Golden Apple Scholar award winners from my district. The Golden Apple Scholars program is to recruit talented high school juniors who want to become teachers.

I would like to take the opportunity to recognize Mr. Allen Dixon from Lanphier High School in Springfield, Illinois. Teachers, like parents, have a unique opportunity—to touch the life of a child. I can't think of a more rewarding experience.

As you know, Mr. Speaker, I was a former high school teacher. I want to wish Allen all the same joy and success that I shared in my teaching career.

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 57TH ANNIVERSARY OF GLADYS AND WILLIAM KEY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, I commend the following article to my colleagues:

Whereas, Gladys and William Ney will celebrate their 57th Anniversary today, March 24, 2000;

Whereas, Gladys and William declared their love in a ceremony before God, family and friends in Bellaire, Ohio;

Whereas, 2000 will mark 57 years of sharing, loving, working together and raising a family of two children, three grandchildren and two great-grandsons;

Whereas, may Gladys and William be blessed with all the happiness and love that you can share and may their love grow with each passing year;

THEREFORE: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the Neys on their 57th anniversary. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing this special couple many more years of happiness together.

COLORADO'S FIRST LADY RECEIVES EDGAR F. "DADDY" ALLEN AWARD

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 23, 2000*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this moment to recognize an exceptional woman, Colorado's First Lady, Frances Owens. On June 9th, she will receive the Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen Award, the highest honor presented by the Easter Seals. Frances is the recipient of this award because of her work on behalf of children and for supporting many programs that benefit the well-being of the state's youth. The award is named for the founder of The National Easter Seals Society, who was nicknamed "Daddy" by the children he helped. Mrs. Owens emulates the goals and objects of "Daddy" Allen.

Mrs. Owens has volunteered her time to many charitable organizations. She sits as Honorary Chair for several organizations including, Habitat for Humanity's Women's Build, the Osteoporosis Foundation's America Walks for Strong Women, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Samaritan's Purse, ArtReach and the Colorado Historical Society. Mrs. Owens also served as Honorary Chair for the first Early Childhood Intervention Awareness Day and sits on the Board of the Children's Hospital Cardiac Care Center. Most importantly, Mrs. Owens enjoys spending time as a mother of three children.

It is obvious why First Lady Frances Owens was chosen as the recipient of the Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen Award. I think we all owe her a debt of gratitude for her service to the state. Because of Mrs. Owens' dedication, it is clear that Colorado is a better place.